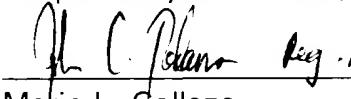


**REMARKS**

The claims of the application have been amended in view of the International Preliminary Examination Report, to remove multiple claim dependencies and to place them in better condition for US examination. No new subject matter has been added.

Consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. For the record, the cover page herein (not numbered) as well as the present page 8 were not submitted with the preliminary amendment that was submitted to the inventors along with the declaration under 37 CFR §1.63 for execution of the latter.

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